

Product Data Sheet
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Sikacem 103

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Machine-applied, silica fume enhanced, cementitious mortar

Description	Sikacem 103 is a ready-to-use, non-accelerated, cementitious, silica fume enhanced mortar with a dust control agent. Sikacem 103 is formulated for machine applications using dry or wet process spray equipment.
Where to Use	Sikacem 103 is particularly suitable for structural repairs in large area applications; for structures such as bridges, viaducts, retaining walls, parking structures, tunnels, galleries, industrial and residential buildings, piers, off-shore platforms, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use on grade, above, and below grade on concrete and mortar. ■ Use on vertical, overhead and horizontal surfaces.
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ One-component, ready to use mortar. ■ Excellent adhesion to currently prepared, sound substrates. ■ High compressive and flexural strength, rapid strength and development. ■ High density. ■ Not a vapor barrier. ■ Formulated to minimize dust formation. ■ Low in rebound, extremely economical in use. ■ Low water cement ratio, very low shrinkage. ■ Can be troweled and screed after application.
Yield	Yield in service will vary according to amount of water utilized in the shotcreting process. Average yields for overhead consistencies approximately 0.42 cu.ft./bag. For vertical consistencies approximately 0.45 cu.ft./bag. For horizontal consistencies approximately 0.48 cu.ft./bag. Estimating should be based on prior experience or actual field evaluation.
Packaging	55 lb. multi-wall bags.

Typical Data (Material and curing conditions @ 73F (23°C) and 100% R.H.)

Shelf Life	1 year in original, unopened bags.		
Storage Conditions	Store dry at 40°-95°F (4°-35°C). Condition material to 65°-75°F before using.		
Color	Concrete gray		
Density (wet mix)	137 lbs./cu.ft. (2.2 kg/l)		
Compressive Strength (ASTM C-109)	(3 inch cubes)		
2 day	6,000 psi	(41.4 MPa)	
7 day	7,000 psi	(48.3 MPa)	
28 day	8,000 psi	(55.2 MPa)	
Freeze/Thaw Resistance (ASTM C-666)	300 cycles		95%
Rapid Chloride Permeability Testing (AASHTO T-277)	Coulombs passed: less than 500 (very low)		
Flexural Strength (ASTM C-78)			
7 day	1,000 psi	(6.9 MPa)	
28 day	1,400 psi	(9.7 MPa)	
Tensile Strength (ASTM C-496)			
7 day	600 psi	(4.1 MPa)	
28 day	750 psi	(5.2 MPa)	
Direct Bond Strength (pull off test) (ACI 503.R)			
28 day	290-580 psi	(2-4 MPa)	mostly concrete failure (substrate)
Modulus of Elasticity			
Static Modulus	(28 days)	4.6 x 10 ⁶ psi	(32,000 MPa)
Dynamic Modulus	(28 days)	5.8 x 10 ⁶ psi	(40,000 MPa)

How to Use

Surface Preparation - Concrete/Mortar: Substrate must be sound, clean, and free from oil, grease, loose material, surface contaminants and other bond-inhibiting materials. Steel reinforcement must be clean and free from any rust. Be sure repair area is not less than 1/3 in. in depth. Preparation work should be done by high pressure water blast, scabber, or other appropriate mechanical means, to obtain an exposed aggregate surface (CSP-6). Saturate surface with clean water. Substrate should be saturated surface dry (SSD) with no standing water during application. When applying on critical substrates, the use of Sika Armatec 110 EpoCem as a bonding agent is advised.



Reinforcing Steel: Steel reinforcement should be thoroughly prepared by mechanical cleaning to remove all traces of rust. Where corrosion has occurred due to the presence of chlorides, the steel should be high-pressure washed with clean water after mechanical cleaning. For priming of reinforcing steel, use Sika Armatec 110 EpoCem (consult Technical Data Sheet).

Application	<p>Dry Process: Sikacem 103 is applied by conventional dry spray shotcrete equipment. Generally, do not use equipment with high rotor capacity. Apply Sikacem 103 in accordance with ACI 506-R85, "Guide to Shotcrete". Important factors to observe during shotcreting are nozzle distance (2-6 ft.), angle to substrate (90°F), and consistency of mortar. Immediately after application and before set, mortar consistency should be plastic, like a firm jelly.</p> <p>Wet Process: Mixing: Conventional wet-process spray equipment such as the Mayco ST-45 or C-30HD machine should be used. Set up wet-process equipment; then add the water (approx. 5 pints per bag) directly into mixer. Start the mixer in motion and add the Sikacem 103 mortar while continuing to mix. Mix to uniform consistency using a maximum of 6 pints of water per 55 lb. (25 kg.) bag (approx. 3 minutes).</p> <p>Application: At time of application, surfaces should be saturated surface dry but hold no standing water. Apply Sikacem 103 mortar by spraying or trowelling for repairing vertical or overhead surfaces. Shoot the material perpendicular to the surface. This minimizes rebound, creates the smoothest pattern (reduces 'bumps') and properly encases the rebars. The velocity of the material is sufficient if, at a distance of 18 to 24 in., the material pattern flattens out on contact with the surface and the rebars are encased. After applying the material, allow it to stiffen for about 10 minutes before removing bumpy areas with a trowel. Before applying the next layer, allow the material to reach initial set. This will take anywhere from 2 -4 hours, depending on mix consistency, mix and ambient temperature, wind conditions and humidity. Begin and finish a given patch on the same day.</p>
Finishing	<p>A natural gun finish may be used. If a gun-finish is too rough, special finishes may be applied. Approximately 5-10 min. after initial set, excess material should be sliced off with a sharp-edged cutting screed. The surface may then be finished to your requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ broomed for a rough texture ■ wood-floated for a granular texture ■ steel-trowelled for a smooth finish.
Curing	<p>As per ACI recommendations for portland cement concrete, curing is required. Moist cure with wet burlap and polyethylene, a fine mist of water or a water based* compatible curing compound. Curing compounds adversely affect the adhesion of following layers of mortar, leveling mortar or protective coatings. Moist curing should commence immediately after finishing. Protect newly applied material from direct sunlight, wind, rain and frost.</p> <p><small>*Pretesting of curing compound is recommended.</small></p>
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Application thickness: Minimum 1/3 inch (8 mm) for large areas, local 1/4 inch (6 mm) can be tolerated. ■ Maximum in one layer for large areas, 2 inches (50 mm). Local applications up to 6-10 inches (150-250 mm) are possible. ■ Minimum ambient and surface temperatures 40°F (4°C) and rising at the time of application. ■ Do not use solvent-based curing compounds. ■ As with all cement based materials, avoid contact with aluminum to prevent adverse chemical reaction and possible product failure. Insulate potential areas of contact by coating aluminum bars, rails, posts etc. with an appropriate epoxy such as Sikadur Hi-Mod 32.
Caution	<p>Irritant</p> <p>Suspect carcinogen - Contains portland cement and sand (crystalline silica). Skin and eye irritant. Avoid contact. Dust may cause respiratory tract irritation. Avoid breathing dust. Use only with adequate ventilation. May cause delayed lung injury (silicosis). IARC lists crystalline silica as having sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity to laboratory animals and limited evidence of carcinogenicity in humans. NTP also lists crystalline silica as a suspect carcinogen. Use of safety goggles and chemical resistant gloves is recommended. If PELs are exceeded, an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator is required. Remove contaminated clothing.</p>
First Aid	<p>In case of skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. For eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, and contact a physician. For respiratory problems, remove person to fresh air.</p>
Clean Up	<p>In case of spillage, scoop or vacuum into appropriate container, and dispose of in accordance with current, applicable local, state and federal regulations. Keep container tightly closed and in an upright position to prevent spillage and leakage. Mixed components: Uncured material can be removed with water. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.</p>

KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED
NOT FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION
CONSULT MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET FOR MORE INFORMATION

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY

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